

Washington State Patrol Media Release

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Twenty-Two Canines to Graduate from WSP Academy

When: Tuesday, December 7, 2004

**Where: Washington State Patrol Academy
631 W. Dayton-Airport Road
Shelton, WA.**

Time: 12:15 – 12:50 p.m. Bomb and drug detection demonstrations

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. K-9 Graduation

With the United States being in a heightened state of alertness, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) has increased it's presence on Washington ferries. Part of this increased presence is in the form of bomb detecting canine units. The news media is invited to a graduation ceremony and demonstrations of how our dogs are trained and worked. Chief Lowell Porter will be on hand to answer questions. With the 22 dogs graduating on December 7th, this increases the total number of canine teams in the State Patrol to 38. The WSP Canine Unit began with the deployment of two explosive detection teams on October 8, 1997.

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